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Nosenko is the Soviet KGB (Committee for State Security) officer who defected to CIA in Switzerland in early February, 1964. CIA is convinced he is a plant and has been intensively interviewing him for five weeks, but as of Friday, May 8th, had not been successful in breaking him.

On May 8th during our discussion with representatives of CIA and Mr. Peter Wright and Harry Stone of MI-5 future plans concerning Nosenko were discussed by CIA and MI-5 representatives. While CIA initially felt that subject would break during their interrogation, they also recognized the possibility that he might not and as of May 8th were inclined to believe that they might not be successful in breaking him based on current information.

CIA and MI-5 have been of the firm belief that both Nosenko and Yuri Krotkov, Soviet journalist who defected to the British in 1963, are part of an over-all Soviet deception program as Krotkov and Nosenko have furnished very similar information. Mr. Wright advised that MI-5 believes that Krotkov can be interrogated and broken and therefore current plans are for an intensive interview of him. In view of the fact Nosenko is being interviewed by CIA in this country, CIA and MI-5 currently plan on bringing Krotkov to the United States where he will be interrogated and if broken his information then utilized in further interrogation of Nosenko.

The CIA representatives and Mr. Wright remain absolutely firm in their conclusion that both Nosenko and Krotkov are plants. In connection with the continuing interview of Nosenko, CIA advised that they contemplated utilizing Soviet defector Anatoli Golitzyn to a very large extent. They did not state that they would utilize Golitzyn for actual

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interviews, but did say he would be furnished all information concerning Nosenko and his analysis would be the basis for further action against Nosenko. In this connection CIA stated that at the present time, no information developed by the FBI is made available to Golitzyn without specific Bureau authority. They stated that with regard to Nosenko's information, they would like to secure Bureau permission to make the results of our investigation (based on Nosenko's information) available to Golitzyn for his review and analysis. They feel that this will be necessary for successful handling of the Nosenko interrogation. They also advised that in the forthcoming interview of Krotkov they would like to have similar permission from the Bureau for any investigation we have conducted based on Krotkov's information, but it is noted that Krotkov had very little information concerning activities in the United States and had no information concerning any Americans supposedly cooperating with the Soviets. (X)

OBSERVATIONS

Both CIA and [the British] remain absolutely convinced that both Nosenko and Krotkov are Soviet plants. If this is so, then the Soviets are well aware of what information they have furnished us and the information is of no value for future operational use to us. It is believed in view of this that we should accede to CIA's request and permit them to make available to Golitzyn for his analysis the information we have developed by our investigation based on Nosenko's information, with the understanding that the information will be paraphrased and Golitzyn will not see any actual FBI reports or communications. It would appear we could lose little from this and if we did not agree and CIA is not successful in their interviews of Nosenko and Krotkov, they could always claim that they might have been successful had the Bureau permitted the use of the results of our investigation. (X)

RECOMMENDATION

If you approve, we will advise CIA that if they feel it is necessary and desirable we will interpose no objection to their furnishing the results of our investigation in the Nosenko and Krotkov matters in paraphrased form to Golitzyn for his analysis and use in the interrogations. (u) ✓

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James Angleton
CIA, advised
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